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In re Application of	:
Fagan, et al.	:
Application No. 10/539,962	:
Filed: June 17, 2005	:
Docket No. C&R-106	:
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LETTER REGARDING
PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

This is in response to the "COMMUNICATION REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT," filed July 14, 2009. Pursuant to applicants' duty of good faith and candor to the Office, applicants request that the determination of patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) be reviewed for accuracy.

The request for review of the patent term adjustment is **GRANTED**.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is **41 days**. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On June 18, 2009, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment is 164 days. On July 14, 2009, applicants submitted the instant comment. Applicants disclose that they believe that the patent term adjustment indicated in the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment is incorrect and should be recalculated.

On November 13, 2007, the Office mailed a Restriction Requirement. Applicants filed an election on December 13, 2007. On March 26, 2008 the Office mailed a Notice to Comply that stated the December 13, 2007 submission contained an omission that required correction. Specifically, the elected claims contained sequences for which no Sequence Listing had been

submitted. On April 14, 2008, applicants filed a supplemental preliminary amendment with an appropriate Sequence Listing. The April 14, 2008 supplemental preliminary amendment corrected the omission in the December 13, 2007 election. Thus, applicants failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application. The period of adjustment should have been reduced by 123 days pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(c)(7), counting the number of days beginning on the day after the date the reply having an omission was filed, December 14, 2007, and ending on the date that the reply correcting the omission was filed, April 14, 2008. Accordingly, a period of reduction of 123 days will be entered.

In view thereof, the correct patent term adjustment at the time of mailing of the notice of allowance is **41 days** (165 days of Office delay - 124 days of applicant delay).

As this letter was submitted to advise the Office of an error in applicants' favor, the Office will refund the \$200.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.18(e). The Office thanks applicants for their good faith and candor in bringing this to the attention of the Office.

Applicants are reminded that any delays by the Office pursuant to 37 CFR 1.702(a)(4) and 1.702(b) and any applicant delays under 37 CFR 1.704(c)(10) will be calculated at the time of the issuance of the patent and applicants will be notified in the Issue Notification letter that is mailed to applicants approximately three weeks prior to issuance.

The Office of Data Management has been advised of this decision. This matter is being referred to the Office of Data Management for issuance of the patent.

Telephone inquiries specific to this decision should be directed to Shirene Willis Brantley, Senior Petitions Attorney, at (571) 272-3230.


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Office of Petitions

Enclosure: Copy of REVISED PALM screen

PTA Calculations for Application: 10/539962

Application Filing Date:	11/13/2006	PTO Delay (PTO):	165
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	1
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	41
PTO Delay Adjustment:	-123		

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